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ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SERIAL CIGARETTE THIEF

*****UPDATE – JANUARY 17, 2013*****

Thanks to tips submitted via 88-Crime, the suspect involved in these incidents has been identified. An additional incident, for which he was responsible, but occurred in Pima County, was also brought to light. It is expected that **Cole Evan Neal, 24-years old**, will ultimately be charged with **9 counts of Third Degree Burglary, all felonies**. He was transported and booked into the Pima County Jail. A booking photograph is included below.



Sergeant Maria Hawke – January 17, 2013

The Tucson Police Department is requesting public assistance with identifying a **serial cigarette thief**, who has struck at least **8 times between November 1, 2012 and January 9, 2013**. Thus far the suspect is believed to be responsible for the **theft of over \$4000 in cigarettes**. The incidents occurred at several Circle K stores on the northwest side of Tucson. In each incident, he entered the store and walked directly behind the cashier counter. He then removed packs/cartons of cigarettes from the display case, placed them in a bag that he brought with him into the store, and left without paying for the items. In each incident, the suspect was captured on video surveillance and photographs from each event have been obtained. Some of those photographs are included below.

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The suspect has been described as a **Caucasian male, 20 to 25 years of age, 5'08" to 5'11" tall, weighing 150 to 180 pounds, with brown hair.** In several of the crimes, the suspect was seen wearing the same jacket and/or ball cap. The **ball cap has a large "LA" on the front and the jacket is green and black camouflage.**

Anyone having information about the suspect's identity or whereabouts is urged to **call 911 or 88-Crime.**



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